DECEMBER 27, 2007 MICHAEL W. DOBBINS CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

FORD MOTOR CREDIT, LLC	07 C 7262
Plaintiff,	
v.)	No.
VALENCIA BURKS,	JUDGE CASTILLO MAGISTRATE JUDGE COLE
Defendant.)	(formerly case No. 04M1-184609 in the Circuit Court of Cook County,
In the Matter of the November 28, 2007	Illinois.)
Judgment Order Against the U.S. Government)	
Great Lakes Commissary	

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

To: Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County
Municipal Department
Room 602
Richard J. Daley Center
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Bowman, Heintz, Boscia & Vician 8605 Broadway Merrillville, Indiana 46410

The UNITED STATES, by its attorney, PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, submits this notice of removal of the above-captioned proceeding from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, to the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a)(1), and in support states the following:

1. On November 28, 2007, plaintiff obtained a judgment against the U.S. Government Commissary at Great Lakes ("Commissary") in the above civil action in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, for \$13,282.03, plus costs, arising out of a collection action brought against an alleged federal employee, Valencia Burks A copy of the judgment order was received by the Office of the U.S. Attorney on December 6, 2007.

- 2. The Commissary is part of the Department of Defense, a federal agency.
- 3. The matter is an action against an employee or agency of the United States and thus is subject to removal to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1442(a)(1).
 - 4. This notice is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1442 and 1446.
- 5. This removal notice does not waive any defenses the United States may have to the underlying cause of action.
- 6. Copies of all process and pleadings received by the office of the United States Attorney are attached as Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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